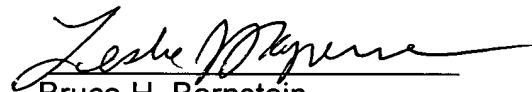


REMARKS

By the above amendment, the claims have been amended to remove means-plus-function recitations, and the Abstract has been amended to remove parenthetical reference numbers. The amendments made herein have not been made to overcome the prior art, and thus, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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